

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2586 - SB 2620

January 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the Class E felony offense of false reporting of child sexual abuse to include child physical abuse. The bill does not define "child physical abuse".

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,800/Incarceration*

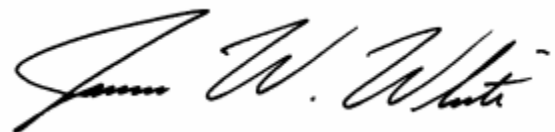
Assumptions:

- Two offenders per year will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days) for the offense of false reporting of child physical abuse. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,879.43 (\$62.78 x 109.58 days). The total additional cost for two offenders is \$13,758.86 (\$6,879.43 x 2).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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